

JOB DESCIPTION

Vacancy Ref: A2869

Job Title: Senior Research Associate: Putting Lexical Cues into Grade: 7

Discourse Context

Duration: 36 months

Department/College: Linguistics and English Language

Directly responsible to: Dr Silke Brandt

Supervisory responsibility for: Some supervision of postgraduate students and research

assistants

Other contacts:

- Internal: Prof. Gert Westermann

- **External:** Prof. Julian Pine; Prof. Anna Theakston; The ESRC Centre for Research in Language and Communicative Development (University of Manchester and University of Liverpool); research participants; representatives of the funders; stakeholders from partner institutions; and external agencies including childcare and education providers

Major Duties:

- 1. Analysing corpus data investigating children's and adults' use of lexical and contextual cues in spontaneous speech.
- 2. Designing and conducting experimental studies (e.g. forced choice, visual world paradigm) to test children's and adults' integration and coordination of lexical and contextual cues during sentences processing.
- 3. Perform coding and appropriate statistical analysis of corpus and experimental data.
- 4. Prepare research for presentations at national and international conferences, research group meetings, and write up research for journal articles.
- 5. Assist in participant recruitment, manage confidential information provided by participants, deal with ethical and administrative issues relating to the Project and efficiently manage and catalogue large volumes of data in accordance with the ESRC Centre's Data Management Plan.
- 6. Contribute to the ESRC Centre's Impact Agenda, by disseminating results of the project widely to non-academic partners (e.g. childcare and education providers, NHS partners, public engagement with science events, and local and national media).
- 7. Contribute to the ESRC Centre's network activities (e.g., attending seminars and training events, contributing to the webpage, engaging with knowledge exchange).

- 8. Contribute to supervision of research assistant(s), PhD student(s), and other researchers in the Project research team.
- 9. You may also be required to carry out such other duties, commensurate with the grading of the post, as may be assigned by the Investigators or their nominees.